

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 419

For the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. TALENT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDING AND PURPOSE.**

4 (a) FINDING.—The Congress finds that Benchmark
5 Rail Group, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, satisfactorily per-
6 formed emergency work after the Northridge earthquake,
7 but has not been reimbursed as a result of a technicality
8 under California State law.

9 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to fairly
10 compensate Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., for the work for
11 which, except for the technicality under California State
12 law, it would otherwise have been paid under the provi-

1 sions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
2 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121).

3 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the director of the Federal
6 Emergency Management Agency shall pay to Benchmark
7 Rail Group, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, an amount equal
8 to the total amount owed to Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.,
9 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the
10 State of California to compensate Benchmark Rail Group,
11 Inc., for the emergency work and services performed at
12 the request of the Southern California Regional Rail Au-
13 thority, to the extent that such work and services are oth-
14 erwise eligible for reimbursement under the Robert T.
15 Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act (42
16 U.S.C. 5121). The payment shall be made from funds ap-
17 propriated to implement such Act.

18 (b) DEOBLIGATION OF FUNDS.—The Federal Emer-
19 gency Management Agency shall deobligate an equal
20 amount to that obligated previously for payment to the
21 State of California to cover the costs of work performed
22 for the Southern California Regional Rail Authority by
23 Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., after the Northridge earth-

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- 1 quake which would have been eligible for reimbursement
- 2 under such Act.

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